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## Alamo First Day At San Antonio

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield has announced the description of the 9c Alamo stamp of the Liberty Series. This is the seventeenth of the new regulars to be released, and will be first placed on sale at San Antonio, Texas, on June 14.

The stamp will be 0.75 by 0.87 of an inch in dimension, arranged horizontally, printed by the rotary process, electric-eye perforated, and issued in panes of 100. The color will be red.



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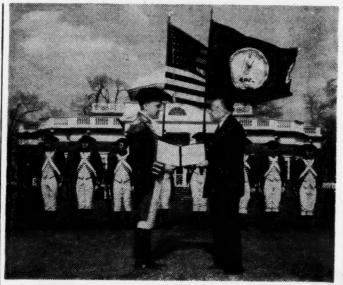
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# The central design features a view of the Alamo, reproduced from a drawing by an artist in the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The artist's concept contrays the Spanish influence in architectural design, as well as the effects of time and erosion. Across the top of the stamp is the wording "The Alamo" and across the bottom is "U.S. Postage" with the denomination "C" in the lower right corner. All lettering is in white face Architectural Roman. Stamp collectors desiring first the lawn of Monticello, which also appears in the design of stamps. First day was April 13. Cataloging, Identifying Of Perfins In England Handled By Interested Study Group Ronald Bowman The study of the perfins of Great Britain has not yet reached attained by the American Society on stamps of their country, neither do perfins enjoy the same popularity over t Perfins In England Handled

The study of the perfins of Great Britain has not yet reached the standard attained by the American Society on stamps of their own country, neither do perfins enjoy the same popularity over here. However we do have our pioneers in this field and a small study group has been formed to accumulate and record all known information.

In attempting to formulate a catalog of G.B. perfins, the main trouble lies in obtaining identities of the firms using them. Messrs. Sloper Ltd. who manufacture the perforating machines or undertake a lot of the actual punching, take the line that to divulge their client's names would be a breach of business etiquette.

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Any doubt of this assertion can

number of Perfins available from number of the several your present collection of world wide stamps. You are almost sure to find examples of these perforations. Realize too that several varieties, especially the "officials", can boast of catalog recognition. To further prove the point, and stimulate your interest, turn to your duplicates. It is safe to assume that a beginner's collection will be yours immediately. So, to repeat, perfed initial stamps are really nothing new to the average stamp collector; hence it is the rudiments of their existence and their collectable status that is new. their collectable status that is new.

How are these stamps produced?
Who uses this type of postal adhesive? Why are they punctured in various ways? Let the following reveal the answers to these and many other tantalizing questions.
Perforating postage stamps was begun by the British; but only after various other means of personal identification proved inade-

after various other means of personal identification proved inadequate. Originally a printed surcharge was tried; it was too easily confused with the cancellation. Next it was printed on the underside of each stamp before the gum was applied. Here, obviously, it was difficult to read the imprint once the stamp was applied to a piece of mail.

And so it went until Joseph Slop-And so it went until Joseph Slop-

And so it went until Joseph Sloper of England invented a machine to puncture numbers or designs through the face of a stamp as a positive means of protecting the owner against theft or unauthorized use of mint postage.

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lowed suit. During 1868 Germany, France, Denmark and Switzerland added approval. Many other nations, realizing the value of this perforating method, made the list of users grow until today their number is nearly one hundred.

The United States was somewhat The United States was somewhat backward in this matter and it was not until 1903 that the Post Office Department granted permission for postage stamp perforating by amending Paragraph 5 of Section 562 of the Postal Laws and Regulations as follows—



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## Answers To The 2 Most Asked Questions Relating To Collecting Of Perfins

Both prospective perfin collectors and those who just have an accumulation of perfins to get rid of ask the first question, "What are my perfins worth?"

That calls for another question, "What kind of perfins de weeklesses"

do you have?"
Individual copies of certain official perfins have to be looked for in auction catalogs and when found, may sell for as much as \$25; in fact some of them have been worth forging. As is so often the case, those are the kind that are not often found in collectors' accumulations. What about the others?

Until a few years ago, there were scarcely half-a-dozen perfin gress and may be expected durglescore in the country. others.

collectors, if they did not regularly throw these stamps out as damaged, merely threw them in the junk-box thinking that some time it might be interesting to see where they came from to see where they came from. Even now, there are only about 200 members of the Perfins Club 200 members of the Perfins Club of whom perhaps half are the hard core of across-the-board kind while the other half are made up of — 1. those who use perfins to enhance their principal collecting interest; and 2. those who are just getting started. It is apparent that there will have to be many more of us before there is big money in perfins generally. generally.

Actually, much of the value in any lot comes from the sorting of them, a job that needs to be done by someone with an eye to perfin values; another person would likely miss some of the valuable varieties. A raw mixture, depending upon its quality is probably west from 30s to \$1. is probably worth from 30c to \$1 er 1,000.
Advanced collectors who wish

to build up their collections seem willing to pay \$1 each for wanted types with an additional premium for the scarcer ones. And re-member too, there are standards of condition for these too, even though all of them are consid-

though all of them are considered damaged by the classic collector. A split or unreadable design isn't much good to anyone. Collectors also ask about a catalog. Perhaps some few would like to look up that odd stamp they have found to see if it can be sold for a goodly sum; in this they are doomed to disappointment for none of the catalogs has ever been priced. However, more frequently the prospective new collector is seeking a guide to help him in his activity.

Some foreign countries having only a few hundred types have

only a few hundred types have been adequately cataloged; among these may be named Argentina, Canada and Japan — the latter in Japanese; others are in pro-

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ing the coming year.

However, the problem is much more complex in the cases of the U.S. and Great Britain. Those of the latter are discussed in another article in this issue; they are so involved as to almost require psychic shrewdness to be exercised by the cataloger.

The problem presented in cataloging arises from the lack of of-ficial information. Consequently, the U.S. perfins catalog is more properly a consolidated check-list, now going through its sec-ond round of refinement.

Individual letters are sponsored by single members of the cata-log committee. The sponsor pre-pares, from all the sources avail-able to him, the best possible list. To the extent that he must freto the extent that he must frequently rely upon the reports of less experienced collaborators, there may even be some inaccuracies in his trial list. Nevertheless, this is circulated to all the members as a part of the Perfins Bulletin and constitutes the working eatled until replaced the working catalog until replaced by a definitive issue.

by a definitive issue.

As part of the improvement program for the catalog, extra copies are sent to each of a group of about 25 collaborators, selected for their willingness to participate and for their superior holdings. Each is expected to study the listing and to report back to the sponsor on the extra copy any variance and variation supported by his collection. From the sum of reports, the sponsor the sum of reports, the sponsor then compiles his refined listing.

With the growth of interest in perfins has come the unearthing of much new material so that it is felt that it will be necessary to make at least two successive canvasses in order to produce an acceptable definitive catalog and even that will lack many identifications.

It can be understood from the foregoing why the Perfins Club does not encourage wide-spread circulation of the existing catalog. First, the lists are primarily pre-pared for the use of the mem-bers and, as they are frankly intended as of temporary value, their limitations can best be understood by those who are in-formed as to their use.

Also, we are reluctant to have circulated as the work of the Club, outside of our own membership, what we know to be an incomplete and occasionally inaccurate work. Consequently, the

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The letter "O" has most recently been issued with the Bulletin. Back issues of some letters are still available but the supply is not complete — another reason for restricting sale of the parts to morphism.

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Only a portion of "A" is to be had, none of "C", and only a few of "D". From a previously prepared set, scattered parts from "T" to "Z" are to be had. Occasionally, as a member drops out, it has been possible to acquire some of the back issues for an incoming member.

Meanwhile, the Club is going forward toward its ideal of a complete and acquire catalog of complete and acquire catalog as

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The long article by Steve Rich, printed in our issue of February 13 has brought quite a few letters of comment. Any real stamp student knows of so many things wrong with the catalogues that they give up in disgust rather than hope for improvement. Collectors find their best information in handbooks and by other means, using the catalog only as a guide.

Our own project over the past several years has been the Paid Cancels on the 3c U. S. of 1861. During all this period the catalog has listed the PAID cancel on this stamp at 15 cents. In the past several years we have paid all the way from 5c up to over \$20 for copies with PAID cancels. Doubtless other specialists could mention other particular cancels that are as far from being priced right as is this example. This lack of anything like accuracy in so many of our stamp listings has been true for many years past.

We are going to quote a letter from a gentleman who goes back for many years and brings to attention something that should have been listed. We note by reference to the book by Johl that the item is as yet unlisted there. Question is, do the catalog publishers list only what they have

as yet unlisted there. Question is, do the catalog publishers list only what they have for sale or are they supposed to list every stamp and variety that is

known.

Read this letter, you students of 20th Century U. S., you Bureau
Issue boys and give us the answer. So you who are interested can
go into this matter fully we are able to state that the letter is from
A. E. Schaefer, 1733 N. Michigan Ave., Saginaw, Mich. We have
known Mr. Schaefer for many years as a very much interested stamp
collector. Here is his letter.

"Editor Linn's Weekly
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"Dear Sir:
"I was very much interested in the article in your good paper by
Stephen Rich, February 13, concerning the indifference displayed by
the editors of the leading stamp catalogs to new developments, which
are the results of research work or new discoveries in this field.
"I cannot speak concerning the foreign catalog editors but I do
think my experience with the editors of Scott's catalogs may be of

interest.

"Back during the 1930's I came across a plate number block of No. 564, showing a small five point star.

"On looking this up in the U. S. Specialized, I found the large five point and six point stars only, listed.

"I therefore wrote to Scott's and told them about it and offered to send the block I had to them for inspection. I never had the courtesy

to send the block I had to them for inspection. I never had the courtesy of a reply to my letter.

"A year or two later, I took the block with me on a trip to New York and went in to Scott's emporium. I was referred to a man about 35 years of age, who, I was told, was in charge of new listings in their catalog.

"I told him about this block. He quickly thumbed over the pages of a new U. S. Specialized Catalog and promptly informed me that no such block existed because it was not in the catalog. I then took out the block and showed it to him. He blandly informed me that the star in question was a large star and not a small one.

"Inasmuch as I had anticipated some such response, I had with me another block showing the large star, which I took out and laid along side the first block.

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"He made no comment, but took out a small book and wrote in it at some length. I assumed he was making a note for a future catalog listing and asked him if he were going to list it.

"His reply was 'I have made a note of it'. That was that, and the interview was over. For the next ten years or so I looked hopfully in the catalog each year to see if this block had been listed, but it never was, and to this day it is still unlisted.

"During April 1941 I was traveling by auto out to the west coast and went through Newton, Kansas. I happened to remember the ads that I had seen frequently in Linn's Weekly of Dicky, the stamp man, who advertised that he was located next to the post office. I looked him up and was astonished at the huge stock that was carried in this small town by this dealer. I asked him if he had any used blocks of the Kansas and Nebraska issues as I was collecting used blocks at the time. He told me he had a few of these on ordinary covers, which I purchased. He then said he also had some First Day Covers, which he showed me.

"These were dated April 15, 1929 and were canceled Newton, Kansas. At the time, Scott's listed only covers canceled Washington, D. C. and dated May 1, 1929.

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"He called on another collector to help him, and in the fifteen minutes before the post office closed, they got out 47 covers with singles of these various stamps. They also sent one or two sets of blocks on covers. Mr. Dicky was not sure about the exact number of these.

"When I got back home I wrote to Scott's and told them what Mr. Dicky had told me, and suggested that these covers be listed in Scott's as the authentic First Day Covers. I offered to send the covers to them for their inspection. As in the former case, I received no reply, and for a number of years thereafter, Scott's continued to list Washington as the sole First Day point of issue and the date May 1st.

"Eventually, Scott's did list Newton April 15th as the correct place and date. Just why they did this I do not know. It certainly was not due to any information I had given them.

"Just why this lethargy or inertia or apathy or whatever you may wish to call it should crop up in these two cases, I do not know but it ties in very well with Mr. Rich's article on this subject. It would seem to me that it is the responsibility of a catalog editor to investigate all reports of new finds or additional information concerning old reports, and after authenticatio

SMILEATELICS . . . . Bob Rieker



didn't tell you your looked silly when you got it, did 1?"

## Swaziland Offers First Day Cancel

A new definitive issue of post-A new definitive issue of post-age-revenue stamps for Swazi-land, printed by Bradbury Wil-kinson & Co., Ltd., will be placed on sale at all Swaziland Post Of-fices on July 2. The stamps will be printed on white C.A. Script watermarked paper. The designs will include a portrait of Queen Elizabeth together with the crown and will feature the undermen-tioned pictorial subjects.

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All stamps will be printed in two colors by the recess process. The vignettes on all except the 2/6 and 5/- will be in black. The other color, design and denomination are:-

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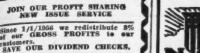
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What difference will it make? They

What difference will it make? They will be no more or less valuable or attractive because of the delay. From here on in a good many of them will repose in shoeboxes or similar receptacles very seldom ever to see daylight again.

You must remember that the very small post offices are not equipped to render the fine first day service the larger post offices do. They have neither the space nor the personnel, and it takes plenty of both.

Just remember the Post Office Department is sincerely conscien-

Just remember the Post Office Department is sincerely conscientious about the service it offers collectors and does everything possible that they be satisfied. In case something goes wrong like the non-receipt of your covers, wrong number of stamps on it, or damage, the postmaster of the first day city will more than do justice with your problem.

Let's have faith, brethren!

1. What commemorative shows Dutch ship in New Amsterdam a Duten Sing—Harbor?

2. What commemorative shows
Tokyo Bay?

Dr. George Morey, Jr. of Denton, Texas sent a clipping from the "Campus Chat", a publication for the students and faculty of North Texas State College. It reads—"Attention, philatelists!
"A sophomore architecture student at the University of California tried to pay off his tuition with scores of sheets of unused United States commemorative st am ps which he has been collecting since 1941. However, USC has a postage meter machine and doesn't use stamps anymore.

use stamps anymore.
"Anybody want to buy a stamp?"

William G. Cote certainly did a real nice job in the preparation of souvenir items from the first day ceremonies of the 20c Mon-ticello of the Liberty Series. Besides the official first day pro-gram beging the new stamp tied

Besides the official first day program bearing the new stamp tied with first day cancel, he also made up two others of a historical nature, the same way. All three will sparkle in that growing collection of mine.

While they didn't have a first day at the recent mid-year session of the SPA during the Reading Stamp Collectors Club Exhibition at Reading, Pa., J. Edward Vining, executive secretary of the Society of Philatelic Americans prepared one of those programs prepared one of those programs with stamp and the special post-mark used there.

I'm most grateful to both men or their thoughtfulness.

From a reader comes —
"Is a cover bearing the cancellation of the first day of issue, which has not gone through the mail because the owner or dealer arranged to have bulk mail run through the machine, a First Day of Issue Cover or a Souvenir? I maintain it is the latter as it was never handled through the mails."

If never pagard first day covers

realize they are not building something which will mean anything in the way of money at a future date. It won't either! They are nice colorful items which bring

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their pleasure in the beholding and

possession.
So what difference does it make

So what difference does it make if they pass through the mail channels, or don't, or are cancelled on the actual first day, or a week later? It's all a recognized part of the game and no one cares overly much one way or the other. First day cover collecting is one of the last places where technicalities are involved. So long as the first day postmark is the correct one, that's it.

Incidentally now and again some postmaster will place a stamp on sale a day or so before its inaugural in the first day city. Alert cover fans buy them, affix to envelopes, get them postmarked and have themselves a freak for their collections. Such are called pre-first day covers and are not as valuable as a legitimate one covers and are not as valuable as

The rules say that a FDC is only official and recognized when it bears the first day postmark of the first day city.

I understand that the folks out in Seattle, Wash, are trying to get the first day of the Salmon stamp of the Wildlife Conservation trio. Suggested date is August 3. Since Washington has been iden-tified with the salmon industry

tified with the salmon industry, it wouldn't be a bad choice. Only other spot would be Alaska where salmon processing is big business.

THANKS FOR THE COVERS DEPT.: Gunnar Madsen, Tollose, Denmark; William N. Wright, Ogden, Utah; John Ramsay, Reading, Pa.; William G. Cote, Norfolk, Va.; J. Edward Vining, Tampa Fla.; Robert Rank, Union, N.J.; Dr. W. L. Fluck, Halifax, N.S. Canada; G. Ross Workman, Toronto, Canada; Martin Bostrom, Orebro, Sweden; Pierre A. Cubells, Soissons, France; Euclydes Pontes, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil; Henry J. Koenig, Dayton, Ky. THANKS FOR THE COVERS

When you visit FIPEX be sure when you visit FIFEX be suite to come around to our booth, No. 84, to say hello. Expect to be there a good deal of the time, but also want to do some gadding around among the exhibits dealers and the society lounges. Have a lot of friends in those places to greet.



Might again call your attention to the FIPEX souvenir Linn's has prepared. It was pictured on page 38 of that record April 23 edition. We think it about as neat an item as will appear for the big doings. You might want one copy for mint and another for used as full postal coverage.

The New York City of 1953.
 The 5c Perry of 1953.

## Souvenir Sheet For Jugoslav Exhibition

April 20 was the first day of issue for one of two commemoratives Jugoslavia has planned for the Third Philatelic Exhibition to be staged at Zagreb, May 20 to 27. It is a 15 dinari in three col-

To come on May 20, opening day of the show, is a 30din airmail. The designs picture buildings of Zagreb of the 13th and

never handled through the mails."

If people regard first day covers as they should be, such as a dish of ice cream or other small treat or luxury, then there should be no question of status. And that's just what they are!

Many collectors get great satisfaction from the collection of FDC's, and I believe most of them realize they are not building somerous."

A block of four of the 15din will be used for a souvenir sheet to be produced in a quantity of 60,000. Purchase at 75din will be possible within the exhibition hall after an admission has been paid.

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#### Liberia Has Six And Sheet For FIPEX

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Ordinary values are 3c brown and green, in vertical format, the Statue of Liberty; 4c brown and Prussian green, horizontal, the New York Coliseum; 6c violet and gray, horizontal, the Globe part of the FIPEX emblem.

The airmails have the designs and shape of the regulars, and are — 10c blue and red, Coliseum; 12c purple and light blue, Statue of Liberty.

For the souvenir sheet a 50c

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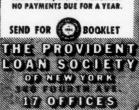
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434	1914	11c	Green	.55	556	4c	Brown VF
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# Fly To NYC For FIPEX

A full plane load of prominent German collectors and dealers are visiting in the United States for FIPEX. With Mr. Edgar Mohrmann of the leading Hamburg firm as the motivating spirit all sixty-four seats of a chartered DC-6 were sold. Departure was from Hamburg, Germany on April 25 with arrival in New York on April 26 after a stopover at Frankfurt a/Main.

The German group has been

The German group has been invited to make full use of the facilities of the German Philatelic Society at FIPEX. The Society has Lounge "M" there which will serve as a focal point for all collectors of Germany. Anyone wanting to contact or leave messages for any of the visiting group can do so at lounge visiting group can do so at lounge

In addition, a reception and In addition, a reception and dinner are being planned by the Philadelphia Chapter of the Ger-many Philatelic Society together with a visit to the famous Phil-atelic Museum in Philadelphia.

## Founding Father On New Chile Regular

One of the founding fathers of the republic of Chile is to be seen on a new definitive from that nation issued April 5. He is Jose Miguel Carrera.



The stamp, which had an initial printing of 3,000,000, is in dark purple and of 2 Pesos denomination. It will probably be used tion. It will probably be used regularly for the prepayment of

the printed matter rate. Guillermo Preuss, Casilla 3794, Santiago, Chile beileves this is one of a new series in the mak-

## Autograph On Vatican Set Phony

Information is supplied by the Vatican Philatelic Society to the effect that certain dealers are misrepresenting the stamps they

misrepresenting the stamps are selling.
Copies of the Vatican St. Pius X Beatification set are offered bearing the alleged autograph of Casimira Dabrowska as the designer.
Miss Dabrowska was not the designer. Corrado Mezzana is the person responsible for the artwork on this set.

on this set.

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Other prizes, consisting of New American Stamp Catalogs, are awarded writers of letters con-taining the best questions of the week. Sandy Becker will answer the young philatelist's questions on the program. on the program.

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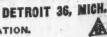
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A few columns ago, we lauded the Crown Agents' decision not to reissue the current Queen Elizabeth sets of all the colonies all ower again on the new "St. Edward's Crown" watermarked paper, but to utilize it solely for entirely new releases. In other words, when new supplies of existing stamps will be needed, they will continue to be printed on "Tudor Crown" watermarked paper. We thought that this was a wise decision which would eliminate an incredible amount of confusion and erestrain for collectors and dealers alke. We added that British Empire collectors were thus saved an outlay of at least \$300.

The "Crown Agents" refers to the distributing agency of the postal emissions of the "Crown Colonies" to the trade only. Collectors may either purchase stamps by writing to the Postmaster at the capital of the respective colony, or, as most prefer to do, from stamp dealers.

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as most prefer to to, it is the samp dealers.
In the current issue of "The Philatelic Trader", a leading London monthly expressly published for dealers, a view diametrically opposed to ours is presented. The editors of this important and often magazine are shocked ontopoken magazine are shocked and angered by the Crown Agents' watermark announcement, term-ing it "a weird and illogical de-cision" for which the British stamp trade is entitled to a fuller ex-nonation.

planation.

If the editors' views are shared by a substantial group of British dealers, it is likely that considerable pressure will be put on the authorities to rescind their announced policy. "The Philatelic Trader" lists several arguments why all current QEII issues should be re-released with the new watermark, but from our point of view and American dealers none of these seem to stand up under objective mamination.

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ARGUMENT No 1: The British tamp trade is pictured as being in a dire situation, the dealers just hanging on "waiting for something to turn up". Queen Elizabeth collectors, with only a couple more sets to look forward to have little to sustain their original enthusiasm and would be newly stimulated by the reappearance of the same stamps with a different watermark. "The Philatelic Trader" makes no bones about it that in

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OUR VIEW: British dealers pass on new releases to their clients at what should properly be called a commission, and not profit, of 10% to 15%. On this nominal markup, they must meet their expenses and pay the rather stiff British income taxes on what is left. It isn't hard to see that only large firms with a tremendous turnover of new issues could hope to benefit materially from a watermark changeover.

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What about the smaller dealers? If the new arrivals siphon off the lion's share of their customers' stamp budgets, then they will be unable to sell them other material on which they could normally make a more adequate profit. There are well over 100,000 varieties of stamps that dealers can sell to the public and a fair-sized portion of these consists of British Empire issues which, naturally, are the most popular with our British cousins.

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ARGUMENT No. 2: Some items not strictly necessary for postal purposes have been issued by the Crown Agents in the past and some more will undoubtedly be issued in the future. So why, asks "The Phillatelic Trader", be squeamish about reissuing \$300 worth of QEII issues spread over a period of a year or two?

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British authorities have establish-

ed a reputation for fair play which ed a reputation for fair play which few other countries can match. Should this enviable reputation be risked; and does "The Philatelic Trader" really want the Crown Agents to descend to the level of the Iron Curtain countries? Is it worth it, just on the chance that it might make a few new issue distributors happy?

ARGUMENT No. 3: When two different types of paper are being used side by side in a printing establishment, some mistakes are bound to occur sooner or later. Even if every precaution is taken to avoid printing existing stamps with the new watermark, it is inevitable that mistakes will be made.

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sent as a remittance.
Surprisingly the problem became acute at the Oxford University Society, a club on the campus of the university. Stamps were provided for the members to stamp their letters but it seems that the boys tended to overdo their privileges. In 1857, began the practice of overprinting the university stamps with the letters O.S.U. between two wavy lines about like tween two wavy lines about like our modern precancels. The practice was obviously not a satisfactory one for wide use, nor was it permitted to become so by the British post office.

permitted to become so by the British post office.

It was an obvious step to transfer the printing to the back of the stamp. To get it under the gum, it became necessary to have the work done by the stamp printers. This easily made for all-round dissatisfaction as it required a careful watch by the purchaser to see that he did not run out of his special underprint.

It did not help that he had to buy in relatively larger quantities than he might have preferred. Some firms copied the practice but printed on the already-gummed sheets. This prevented resale of the stolen stamps but it was no bar to private use.

Neither did it work out well for collectors of this modest specialty. This is one group firmly against "bathtubbing". Both overprinting and underprinting must be considered as abandoned experiments.

All the while, the British had one

and underprinting must be considered as abandoned experiments. All the while, the British had one of the most effective anti-theft devices available from the day of penny postage, the stamped envelope. A stamped envelope with a printed return address is infrequently misused and the very bulk of them in quantity makes large-scale theft impractical. Perhaps the initial unpopularity of the Mulready envelope coupled with the limited use of return addresses in Britain may be accounted the cause of the oversight.

Equally curious, there was no

cause of the oversight.

Equally curious, there was no contemplation of theft protection associated with the perforating device that took the place of overprinting and underprinting, when the machine was first invented. Joseph Sloper made his first machine for dating railway tickets and its application to stamps was an afterthought.

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However, he made his invention at the right time for he found active support with the postal authorities. Sloper's firm not only sold machines for the work but also did the work on a custom basis for notal patrons. This also did the work on a custom basis for postal patrons. This would presume changeable dies and would seem to indicate the possibility that successive runs might not always be identical yet it does not appear that such an observation has been made by students of the stamps.

For more than thirty years, perforated initials had little competition and for twenty more, nothing much effective. In the U.S. where their use was prohibited until 1908, stamped envelopes were in wider commercial use than in England.

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stamp theft but their use is limited to specific types of mail. Devices for automatically affix-ing stamps from coils came to be

a real threat to the perforated initial business around 1900-10 followed by metered mail.

Today, the meter idea has limited opportunity for extension but not a great deai. The factors that tend in the direction of wider use the direction of the property of the methy other than the other than the content of the methy of the methy other than the methy of the m are beginning to be met by other factors that hold the use of meters back. There are still some areas where another type of postage is more attractive than metered

Two great strongholds of per-forated initials are the railroads and certain state governments. In and certain state governments. In each case, it is necessary to distribute relatively small amounts of postage to a large number of offices. While it probably would be possible to show that there is not enough loss to make any protective device worthwhile, there are laws, and precedents as strong as law, that dictate some protective measure and a perforating device is the only practical solution.

Many interesting combinations of perforated initials with other protective schemes can be picked up in commerical mail. Some owners of machines punch their precan-

of machines punch their precan-cels as well as ordinary stamps although it is hard to imagine that an employee could profit by the

an employee could profit by the theft of precancels.

A few concerns use stamped envelopes for ordinary single rate letters; perforated initials are only found on multiple rate letters and other odd postal "jobs". Other companies that formerly used the punched stamps continue to do so on a limited scale after adopting meters. They show up from time to time to supplement a deficient amount on a meter.

Collectors of this material means that you are going to collect com-

that you are going to collect com-mercial covers. Some of them are not going to be on snappy bond stock with engraved cachets. Looking for older covers is going to be a now-and-then project because most such covers will have been sold for waste paper. Against that, there will be small expense and plenty of fun.

## Fine U.S. Remains Strong In Auctions

The 1000th auction held by H. R. Harmer, Inc. of 6 W. 48th St., New York was commemorated by the sale of a wonderful group of United States material offered by order of P. G. Rust of Georgia, a New York collector and others.

Excellent prices were obtained throughout, the highest realization being for a 1901 Pan-American 4c, center inverted, block of 4, o.g., closed tear at bottom and tiny paper scrape. This celebrated piece from the Col. Green sale cataloguing at \$6000 sold to Raymond H. Weill Co. at \$7750.

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Weill Co. at \$7750.

The rare and popular Columbian 4c blue error of color was represented by an o.g. well centered copy and the condition was fully proposed to the condition was fully at \$1200. appreciated when it sold at \$1700 against a catalogue of \$1100.

Amongst the prominent profes-

sional buyers were Raymond H. Weill Co.; Jack Molesworth; John A. Fox; Stampazine; Michael Karen; S. Pinchot; G.M. Meghrig Co. The total for the three auctions of April 9, 10, 11 was \$100,185.50, bringing the season's total to \$1,-292,516.75.

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Almost exactly 15 years were needed therefore to attain the "1000 mark" representing an

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In addition to the official displays of 69 governments, the world-wide importance of the world-wide importance of the Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition at New York Coliseum will be evident April 28-May 6 in the 105 booths which will be occupied by dealers and publishers from seven countries and a dozen states.

Display booths have been reserved by dealers from the United States, Canada, England, France, Italy, Switzerland and Egypt. Philatelic societies will occupy 29 lounges, on the fourth floor, at the largest stamp show in history. These are — Aero Philatelits, American Air Mail Society, American Philatelic

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# Stamp Errors

Frank Warner

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(Continued from last week)

Now we turn to the next largest group of errors namely Perforation Errors. The most important are Imperforates, although it must be pointed out that numerous stamps were, of course issued imperforate only and thus cannot be considered errors at all. An IMPERFORATE can be considered an error only if it was sold that way without official knowledge. Many countries make it a practice to print small quantities of imperforates as a matter of standard policy. For example, the U.S. Post Office Department Exhibit at almost any major stamp show includes a frame or two of imperforates.

While such imperfs practically never reach collectors' hands, similar special printings such as the original "Farleys" or certain canadian 20th century issues did leak out.

leak out.

Imperforates of France and the French Empire are also found in many specialized collections. Syria even gives 1500 imperforate sets of leak out. even gives 1500 imperforate sets of every issue to its underpaid postal employees as an official bonus. It is rumored that the head of the department receives 40 sets while the underlings receive proportoinately less; the lowest-ranking employees are said to get only a single set.

There are also numerous stamps which are imperforate on only one.

single set.

There are also numerous stamps which are imperforate on only one, two or three sides. For example, a full pane of the \$1 Presidential was recently illustrated in Linn's. Only the vertical perforations had been applied to it which created 50 pairs which are called "imperf horizontally".

Then there are also "imperf between pairs" which look just like any pair of stamps except that there are no perforations where they are joined. Israel No. 1-6 can be found in both horizontal and vertical imperf between pairs and are quite scare that away.

Of course there are also proofs and essays of stamps on the philatelic market, often of issues which were contemplated but never quite finished. Those, as well as finished stamps, which for one reason or another were never placed on public sale, can not properly be regarded as errors (though frequently highly desirable) and are therefore not covered within the scope of this article.

We come now to the third group of major errors, namely those con-

We come now to the third group We come now to the third group of major errors, namely those concerning Errors in the Design. They are interesting from various angles, but usually not especially rewarding from the financial point of view. Errors of design often occur as the result of Misconceptions or Misrepresentations. These errors are sometimes rectified and sometimes not.

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A typical example of such a correction is presented by France Nos. 330 & 331. First of the Rene Descartes stamps appeared with the inscription of "Discours SUR la Methode". The gentlemen of the Academie Francaise found out that this was a wrong title. Subsequently the inscription was

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One more corrected error concerns that Italian Flag stamps in the long Korea Flag series of 1951. Nos. 154 and 155 show the Italian Flag with crown, but since Italy had by that time become a republic these stamps were redrawn.

had by that time become a republic these stamps were redrawn and appeared as Nos. 154a & 155a without crown.

Now a few typical examples of NOT corrected errors in the design: Philippines No. 357, the 18c of the 1932 pictorial set which was supposed to show a view of the Pagsanjan Falls in the Philippines. By some oversight it actually depicts Vernal Falls in Yosemite Park, Calif.

From France we have the fam-

Park, Calif.

From France we have the famous "Semeuse", types A20-22, sowing against the wind. Then there are various stamps of Latin American countries showing Columbus sighting land with the help of a telescope which was invented.

lumbus sighting land with the help of a telescope which was invented sometime later. Most of these major errors and major blunders were quickly spotted, but never rectified.

There is further a wealth of misspelled names, dates and inscriptions in existence and these are generally major errors listed by the various catalogues.

We shall touch now the fourth group of major errors, those of watermark or paper. First let me give you an example of a stamp printed on paper with the wrong watermark, namely U.S. No. 82, the \$1 Woodrow Wilson which was on ly recently discovered with watermark "U.S.I.R." Such paper is ordinarily used for Revenue stamps only.

There are various varieties in

There are various varieties in existence, such as inverted water-marks and watermarks sideways. An interesting error is Mexico No.

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1934 series which should come with watermark No. 156, but which exists without watermark.

There are also errors of paper in evidence. France No. 354, the 50fr Clement Ader comes in thin and thick paper, but there is little difference in price. Other errors of paper include doubl\_ paper varieties found on some U.S. stamps. If you have U.S. No. 65 instead of the regular on LAID paper, you have No. 65b with a price tag of \$100.

We come now to the fifth group of major errors and this concerns Errors of Color. I just want to mention two interesting color errors which turned up in recent years. One concerns a U.P.U. stamp of Afghanistan of 1951, One cliche of the 1.25p normally chocolate, was by mistake placed into a plate of the 35p ultramarine: Therefore some sheets exist with No. 394 in ultramarine. Scott lists this error as No. 395a whereas it should read 394a, We brought this to the attention of the Scott editors and this printing error will probably be corrected in one of the next Scott's Monthly Journals.

The above mentioned error of Afghanistan is very similar in nature to U.S. 463b and 499b.

The other intriguing color error I hit upon concerns Poland No. 658, the 66g of the Anniversary set of 1954 which is supposed to be in violet brown. In a shipment we discovered some copies in a distinct blue color, quite an interesting item for Poland specialists.

With regard to color errors you have to watch out for real differences in color, such as blue instead of brown. Mere shades, such as for example, yellow green, or dark green instead of green, do not constitute major color errors and

stead of brown. Mere shades, such as for example, yellow green, or dark green instead of green, do not constitute major color errors and the influence of climate may be responsible for the difference.

One of the best known color errors concerns U.S. No. 233, the 4c Columbian. In the regular ultramarine color it is priced at \$3 mint, However the blue color error commands a price tag of \$1000 and there is not much of a difference between ultramarine and blue, when you come to think of it.

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The design represents an adolescent attacked by the Heine Medin disease, while the hand of a helping person extended over the child's forehead symbolizes the national concern.

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Here are shown Canadian stamps made into "Officials". Across the top are stamps on which this was accomplished by the use of 5-hole perforations of the initials O.H.M.S. The block in the center row has these same letters overprinted in black on the stamp. The \$1 stamp, center bottom, has the current method of denoting an official, the overprinting on the letter "G".

## The Canadian "O.H.M.S." Officials

Back in May 1923 collectors noticed that Canadian stamps, on mail from certain government departments, were perforated O.H.M.S. with the letters H and M -5-holes. The stamps were the regular 1912 King George V (Crown) issue. The Finance Department did the perforating, in Ottawa, and distributed these stamps to various government offices, for exclusive use on government mail. Their use was continued until March 11, 1935, embracing Scott #104 to #210, or Gibbons #246 to #334.

The first organized step in gathering information about these stamps was taken in 1940 by the British Columbia Philatelic Society of Vancouver when a committee 1935 King George V Silver Jubilee

of Vancouver when a committee of Messrs. Salt, Nicholson, Millard and Gordon were appointed to compile a list of the then known varieties.

In 1942, the committee, along with Messrs. Garrett, and Daggs, produced a checklist of 142 varieties. Mr. Garrett, a former government official, had collected the Officials since 1928 and had developed a guide to the circult resisting. oped a guide to the eight positions of the perforating of the stamps, depending on whether the sheets were fed into the machine face-up

were fed into the machine face-up head-up, face-up head-down, gumup face-up, or gum-up face-down, which gave four positions.

Then if the sheet was fed sideways, it naturally gave four additional positions. These he called the A B C D E F G and H positions, and dedicated his copyright system, through the B.C. Philatelic Society, to Philatelists in general.

ic Society, to Philatelists in general.

The perforating machine would perforate a row of ten small size stamps at a time, with the sheets fed in flat, often several sheets at a time, causing "missing perfs". Where one row has been perforated twice, it constitutes an "X" Doubles: if perfed three times it is a "XX" Triple, then we have a "Compound" where perfed one way, then fed in another way, such as "A & C".

We have rare instances where one row is missed in the perfing, giving a "Z" Imperforate Pair.

The 5-hole perforated OHMS extended from July 1923 to March 11, 1935, and included the 1912 King George V (admiral) issue, Scott #104, to the 1933 commemorative issue, Scott #210, C1 to E9, airmail and special delivery. The #112, 118 and 167 are the lower price items in this field, at around \$4 each.

From March 12, 1935 to July 1, 1939, perforating was discontinued.

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chine. Among those returned we find the old 1933 commemorative, 1935 King George V Silver Jubilee 1935 King George V, also the airmails C1 to C6, and Special Delivery E1 to E9.

mais CI to C6, and Special Delivery E1 to E9.

The numbers returned were quite limited, and all are scarce. Of those returned some were in broken sheets, and in feeding these into the machine (w.ich ordinarily perfed a row of ten) on occasion we have a pair, one perforated, and the other unperforated, designated in Wrigley's Checklist as "Z". These are among the rarities, of the Officials, and are found in both 5-hole and 4-hole. They have a value of around \$50 a pair.

In a letter from L.J. Mills, Director of Financial Services, Post Office Department, he states, "I therefore believe that it is correct to state that the two 5-hole perforating machines, transferred to our Department in 1939, were destroyed."

our Department in 1939, were destroyed."

In July, 1939 the Post Office Department installed a new machine to perforate OHMS the "H" and "M" letters, four holes high. The 4-h oles perforating commenced with the 1937 King George VI (Scott #231) carrying through the 1939 Royal Visit, 1942 War, 1946 Peace, 1949 Revised, the Air, Air Special Delivery, and the Special Delivery, (to Scott #E4). These are relatively cheap, ranging from 1c where the perfing is normal position (A C E or F) to several dollars when they have been fed into the machine in an awkward or incorrect manner, giving B D G or H position. or H position.

or H position.

The Scott #223, 224, 225 and 226, perforated 4-hole, were a few of the 1935 King George V issues returned from the government offices to be perforated 5-hole, but were received after the 4-hole machine had been installed. Their limited number, indicates their scarcity.

scarcity.
In September 1949, recognizing From March 12, 1935 to July 1, 1939, perforating was discontinued, and the Post Office Department supplied all government departments with regular postage stamps.

On July 1, 1939 the Post Office Department overprinted with regular postage of all stamps supplied to government offices. They recalled all stamps on hand to be perforated on their 5-hole perforating ma-

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At the left is an example of the Type 1, the five-hole, and center, Type 2, the four-hole. At the right are the eight positions of the OHMS. In the top are Types A, B, C, D — bottom, H, G, F, E.

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\$1, 50c Oil, Revised 1c, 4c and 5c, and Air 7c. In addition in the 1c Revised the Missing Period exists after the "M", and in the 5c Revised after "O" and "H", after "H", and after "M".

We also have the Narrow Spacing in the War 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, and the Revised 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, and 5c.
On Septemebr 30, 1950, recognizated the Revised 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, and 5c.

on Septemenr 30, 1990, recognizing that French, as well as English is an official language, and that there were no corresponding words in French for "On Her Majesty's Service", the letter "G" was used, meaning Government, or Gouvernment

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These extended from the 1950 Revised, 1946 Peace, 1950 Resources, 1952 Change of Color, 1952 Regular issue, 1953 Queen Elizabeth 1c to 5c, 1954 Q.E. 5c, 50c Textile, 10c Eskimo, 7c Air, and 10c Special Delivery.

In the overprint "G" we find two errors — the 0.26 10c Fur, with the "G" missing once in certain sheets, also the "G" misplaced, on the skin, or trapper's waist.

the skin, or trapper's waist.

Collectors who have set aside these Canadian postage stamps, because of their being perforated, would do well to bring them out, and see if they have some valuable items. My recently issued Checklist of Canada Officials, lists 325 varieties in the 5-hole perfs, 301 in the 4-hole, 42 in the overprinted O.H.M.S., and 30 in the overprinted "G", and 4 items in stationery.

Canada Officials definitely con-

stationery.

Canada Officials definitely constitute a most interesting phase in B.N.A., as not only the overprinted, but also perforated, were regular issues by the Canadian Post Office Department.

(Editors Note: The checklist referred to by the author can be obtained from him at \$1.50 per copy. Address requests and payments to Roy Wrigley, 2288 Bellevue Ave., West Vancouver, B.C., Canada. levue Av Canada.

## **FIPEX Sheet, Stamp Engravers, Designers**

The designers and engravers of the FIPEX commen and souve-nir sheet were named by the Post Office Department.

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William K. Schrage is credited with the 3c stamp design — engravers, of the vignette is Arthur W. Dintaman, lettering and numerals, George A. Payne.

Victor S. McCloskey, Jr. modeled the 11c souvenir sheet. Matthew D. Fenton engraved the vignette, while John S. Edmondson was responsible for the lettering and numeral of the 3c.

For the 8c frame and lettering and the sheet dedicatory wording, Richard M. Bower did the engraving. The frame of the sheet, lettering and numerals on the sheet, and lettering and numeral of the stamps are credited to

real of the stamps are credited to John S. Edmondson.

The vignette of the 8c was engraved by Richard M. Bower, the scrolls by Alexander Peneau, and the lettering of the legend and stars by John S. Edmondson.

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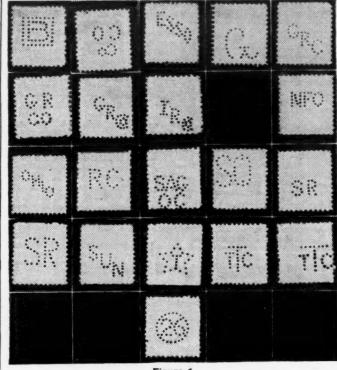
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# Perfins Fit Well Into A Topical Collection

Victor J. Van Lint

Perfins have successfully invaded the topical field. As we know, topical collecting came about as an alternative for the stamp collector who found a general collection either too expensive or too large a field to cover. Often however, a topical collection is quite limited. For instance, the collector of "Lighthouses on Stamps" will find that there are only about 56 different which will fit in this topic and it is clear that once they are all there, the activity is stymied.

No wonder therefore, that the thematic collector is always on the lookout for ways and means in which he can broaden his field of activities.

This has now, in many cases, successfully been accomplished by adding perfins to certain collections. Two examples will be dis-cussed here in detail. Others will be mentioned and could be treated in subsequent articles.

Let us first go to the philatelist who has chosen "The Petroleum Industry on Stamps" as his subject. Besides those such as Colombia Scott No. 437 and many others, he can broaden his field of activities quite considerably by encompassing also the perfins of oil companies

quite considerably by encompassing also the permis of on companion into his collection.

There are 21 known perfins of U.S. oil companies as can be seen from the list in Table 1. The last column has the known range of Scott numbers in the case of Continental Oil, the second item listed, the range is from the 1c 1922 to the 1942 "Win the War" issue, a theoretical total of nearly 350 different issues, but as a practical matter this figure must be reduced to probably 50.

## Table 1: Perfins of American Oil Companie

				ms of American on Compani	CB	
	Туре	Style	300.200	.# Company	Range f	Scott #
1	B in squar	e	8	Barnsdall Petroleum Co.	552-732	
2	CO/Co	2H	51/2	Continental Oil Co.	552-905:	C23-33
3	ESSO	Diag	5	Standard Oil Co. of N. J.	804-905	0-0 00
4	G	Fancy	111/2	Gulf Refining Co., Houston	406-933;	C19-23
5	GRC	Diag	51/2	Gulf Refining Co.	552-810	010-10
6	GR/Co	2H	51/2	Gulf Oil Corp., Port Arthur	427-901	
7	GRC(o)	Diag	51/2	Gulf Refining Co., Pittsburgh	401-905	
		Diag	51/2	Indian Refining Co.	331-406	
9	JOR	Diag		Johnson Oil Refining Co.	2 **	
10	NFO	H		N. Y. & N. J. Lubricant Co.	332-940	
11	OHIO RC	Diag	4	Standard Oil Co. of Ohio .	332-905	
12	RC	H	71/2	Richfield Oil Corp., Los Angeles	552-901:	C25
13	SAG/OC	2H	51/2	So. American Gulf Oil Co.	552-911	
14	80	H		Standard Oil Co. (N. J. & Ind.)	304-905:	C32
	SR	H	51/2	Sinclair Refining Co.	552-905:	
	SR	H	11		552-818	
		Diag	5 1/2	Sun Oil Co.	406-1008	
18	T in star		5	The Texas Co.	332-905:	
		H	51/2	The Texas Co., Los Angeles	552-905:	
	TTC	H		The Texas Co., Houston	552-816	0.20
	26 in circl		12	Standard Oil Co. (N. Y. & N. J.)	407-901	

These types have extra holes designating branch offices \*\* Not in author's collection # Height of Key Letter

It can easily be seen how this materially adds to the collecting possibilities of our topical collector and that is not all. Looking at the oil company perfin No. 14, SO of the standard Oil Co. we detect two extra holes inside the letter, O. The relative position of these two extra holes determines the particular town where this perfin is issued and used in a Standard Oil Co. office. By varying the position and combination of these holes, Standard Oil Co. has differentiated more than 50 offices. Actually, the practice began before the break-up of the old "trust" and was continued by the N.J. and Indiana Companies. There has been no duplication among the subtypes. This broadens the field of the collector even more.

It can be stated therefore that adding the perfins of the oil companies to his topical collection can give the collector an additional field of as many as 2,000 possibilities.

And, if this is not enough, our topical collector can go even farther and also encompass perfins from oil companies on foreign stamps to his field of action. In Table 2, a partial list containing the known perfins of oil companies on foreign stamps is given.

Table 2: Perfins of Oil Companies on Foreign Stamps

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Type DENMARK	Style	mm.# Compa	ny	Range Scott #
1 ESSO ARGENTINA	H	7½ Dansk Esso	A.S.	335
2 WI/CO	2H	41/2 West Indian	Oil Co.	346-427
3 CONACO 4 CNP	H	51/2 Compania Com		427
NETHERLAN				
8 V.O.C.	H	6½ Vacuum Oil	Co.	153
6 F in star		131/2 Continental 1	Petroleum Co.	**
7 S.U.	H	71/2 Sinclair Petro	leum Co	
8 P.O./C.	2H	6 Pure Oil Co.,	Rotterdam	59-67
9 KNPM/R	2H	8 Royal Dutch		**

There is no doubt that this list is far from complete. Only countries for which a reliable perfin check-list has been prepared, are included. As the study and research of foreign perfins progresses, more names will no doubt be added to this list. Fig. 2 shows the perfins corresponding to Table 2, found in the author's collection.

We now turn to another field of topical activity, the Judaic theme. Since the burth of Israel as a nation, a few years ago, this particular field has witnessed an enormous expansion of its adherents All of them regret very much, the limited scope of their arena of activity and are alert to ways and means of broadening it.

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# POSTAGE STAMP PARADE

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CHINA (Formosa). Children's Day was commemorated on April 4 with the issuance of three new stamps. The stamps are of the same design and of the following values: 40c green; \$1.60 blue; \$2 bronze red

ing values: 40c green; \$1.60 blue; \$2 bronze red.

CHINA (Red). With the opening of the "Sikong-Tibet and Chinghai-Tibet Highways" three stamps were issued on March 30.

A suspension bridge across the Tatu River is the design on the 8 fen olive. The 4 fen blue shows a line of trucks, and the 8 fen red depicts the opening ceremonies of the highways.

COLOMBIA. Two more values of a long regular series have been released. The entire set should be completed during 1956. The latest values which were released

released. The entire set shows be completed during 1956. The latest values which were released April 5 are a 5c blue with a Map of the San Andres and Providence Archipelago in the Atlantic off the coast of Cartagena. The 5c red and blue shows a local view of a port on San Andres Island.

FIJI. A new definitive set has been ordered. The values are 1d, 1½d, 2½d, 3d, 1/6, 2/-, 5/-FRANCE. Paul Sabatier has been honored with the issuance, on April 7, of a 30fr blue green stamp showing chemical apparatus and industrial plants as background for his portrait.

ground for his portrait. FRENCH MOROCCO. 5fr, 10fr, and 15fr stamps were issued on April 28 in honor of the Sultan, Mohammed V. HUNGARY. Dogs are the sub-

ject of eight new stamps issued on March 21. Four of the stamps

on March 21. Four of the stamps are triangular in shape and the values of these are: 40f, 60f, 1.20Ft, 2Ft. The other values are: 50f, 80f, 1Ft. 1.50Ft.

PORTUGAL. The centenary of the birth of Ferreira da Silva is to be marked by the issuance of two stamps of the same design both hearing a portrait of

of two stamps of the same design, both bearing a portrait of him, on May 3. The \$1 is to be in green and the \$2.30, blue.

SAAR. For the benefit of the Red Cross, a 15fr plus 5fr semipostal will appear on May 7. Carl Rochling's painting "H is toric First Aid Station Near Saarbrucken" is to be used as the design.

The Day of the Stamp will be celebrated on May 6. A 15fr stamp showing a broadcasting station will be issued.

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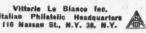
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## Supplement To Your Collection

Charles H. Regnier

A well-known cliche intimates that many people cannot see the forest for the trees. The same general idea can be applied in the case of collecting perfins, together with other forms of stamps. Possibly it is through prejudice or ignorance that they are omitted from most collections. They can be, and are, separate varieties.

Treating perfins as separate varieties opens up a whole new phase of collecting, no matter if you are a specialist, topical or a general collector. There is scarcely a collection that cannot be augmented by the addition of a few perfins. well-known cliche intimates

perfins.

If you specialize in one, or a group of countries, you will most likely find perfins, for over a hundred are using or have used, per-fins. In many of the them official or quasi-official perfins were used. Their use was really a money-sav-

Their use was really a money-saving feature, for it saved the cost of engraving a new stamp die, while at the same time, it also served as an unobtrusive control to prevent dishonest employees from misapproprieting them.

Some countries have used the perfin idea to gain new revenues. Hungary did it in reverse. During 1921 to 1924, a triangle of three holes was punched in the current stamps. If you wanted to purchase them without this perforation, you had to pay a premium.

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Italy used a different approach.
Stamps were perforated and sold at a discount to various groups.
They could be used or sold at the full face value, the profit being kept and used for the group's benefit. You can find similar situations in other countries.

benefit. You can find similar situations in other countries.

No one can deny that a company, large enough to use perfins, affects the country in which it operates. Thus, these private controls ought to be included in your collection. They are just as much a part of the postal scene as postmarks, cancellations, stampless covers and even revenues, which incidentally, are more often than

covers and even revenues, which incidentally, are more often than not, cancelled by perforation.

Those of you who collect stamps issued for, or at stamp exhibitions, would do well to include such items as the 1930 Trench airmail stamp punched, "E.I.P.A. 30", or the little signal involved R.F.P.V. punched, "E.I.P.A. 30", or the Italian airmail punched, R F P V 46". Look for others such as the IMABA of Switzerland and the crosses of Netherlands.

The topical collector can usually find some perfins to enrich his collection by collecting those used by the firm that did business with that topic. The ferro-philatelist, or railroad collector, will find a rich source of material. Many railroads are still using perfins, so new varieties are still being found. found.

Steamship companies use per fins too so the ship collector ca find something new also. And don't forget the travel agencies, they tie in with both trains and ships. It doesn't take a lot of imagination to find perfins to fill out your particular interest.

ticular interest.
Even if you collect geometric designs, you can find them among perfins. Squares, stars, circles, anchors and others can be found; I even have a cow in my collection. I am sure there are topical collections that can find a place for some of these.
Fashions in stamps have

for some of these.

Fashions in stamps have changed considerably since precancels were first considered collectible. I can remember when a stamp that had more than the precancel printed on it was discarded. Now, since the government ruling causing the larger denominations to be dated, they are much in demand. mand.

Since so many precancels have been perforated, I cannot see why they should not be included with the dated precancels, as a distinct variety. Perfin collectors have long recognized precancels as a separate type and, in many cases, the precancelation has helped lead will find different users on the

will find different users on the same precancel type and a punched stamp is easier to read than a smeared hand stamp.

Yes, perfins can enlarge the scope of your collection. It will pay you in many added hours of interest and enjoyment. Try it.

## Reveal Wild Turkey Designer, Engravers

The 3c Wildlife Conservation stamp picturing a wild turkey will have its first day of issue at Fond du Lac, Wis. May 5, at the time of the Wisconsin Federation of Stamp Clubs Convention and Exhibition there. The color will be maroon.

Designer of this item was Bob Hines. It was modeled by Victor McCloskey. Jr. Charles A. Brooks engraved the vignette — John S. Edmondson the outline frame, lettering and numeral.

CATALOGING (Continued from page 1)

tremely conservative in their advertising and send their mail out

in plain envelopes.

However, many can be identified with the aid of the postmark, although one should exercise discretion since it is the practice of some companies to send their clients stamped, addressed envelopes, and most concerns have

sales offices in all the large cities.

A further source most useful in identifying the earlier types, is the fiscals, which often bear a clear hand stamped imprint of the user's name. Sometimes more than one stamp is necessary to user's name. Sometimes more than one stamp is necessary to determine the full name and one is only useful for partial identification. However, this is one of the fascinating aspects of British perfins, for often a fellow collector can supply the missing part and even the comparative novice can unearth new information.

In cataloging these stamps we differ from our friends in the

In cataloging these stamps we differ from our friends in the States inasmuch as we feel it is necessary to give more details with respect to the type. Simply quoting the configuration of the type and the height of the letters would be insufficient to distinguish one from another.

ope from another.

Quite often the only distinguishing feature is the number of holes comprising each letter of the kind of ampersand used. Thus, to obtain complete differentiation between types we much both the tween types, we quote both the number of holes in each letter and a code number for the type of

ampersand.
Also included is a column for a code number denoting the issues on which each type is found. In on which each type is found. In this manner, we are able to get some idea of the length of life of the various dies. No attempt is made to determine the scarcity of any particular kind or the issues upon which the type appears, although as the work progresses, this will become self-evident.

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Similarly, no attempt is made to determine market value. Indeed, it is to be hoped that their value will never exceed the 15c per 100 that we have placed on them, although a collection of a hundred different issues, including commemoratives and high values might be worth several times that amount. amount.

The types of collections made by us are as varied as those made by American collectors, and naturally includes thematics. A little later I will give more details of the kinds of types to be found, which should

of types to be found, which should give a few pointers on the themes it is possible to collect.

Our methods of mounting and display of course depend upon the individual taste of the person concerned; however I do think one method merits mentioning here since, to my mind, it is the best one devised so far. Briefly, it is this—the stamp is first placed on a transparent surface such as glass with some source of light beneath. A piece of tracing paper is then laid over the top and the design, which is shown up by the light shining through, is traced in light shining through, is traced in

The stamp is then mounted on the stamp is then mounted on the tracing paper alongside the traced design and the two mount-ed in the album together. In this manner one is able to view both the stamp and design at the same

It has been estimated that the total number of different types must be approaching the 10,000 mark by now, so that if one at-tempts completion, with each type on every denomination and issue, the total figure of the collection would be astronomical. However, if one or more themes are collected, the total would be more reasonable.

In referring to the variety of types, I suppose one should mention first the Officials. These are the only perfins to receive rec-ognition by the publishers of the leading stamp catalogs. It's true they only get a footnote which mentions their existence but they are certainly widely sought by the orthodox G.B. specialist. So much so, in fact, that they have received the attention of the forger and spurious copies of the Board of Trade (Crown over B.T.) are known to exist. The price that genuine copies command warrants some care being taken when purposes and in this received.

some care being taken when purchasing, and, in this respect, a series of articles which appear in the June to November 1955 issues of the Philatelic Adviser (London) should prove most helpful.

Two other government departments have been known to take advantage of the protection afforded by perfins, namely The Office of Works (Crown over OW or HM/OW) and The Stationery Office (S crown O or HW/SO). Other types containing crowns are to be found but these should not be mistaken for official, since at one time, private companies were allowed to use crowns.

A natural sequel to this must surely be the local government

types, that is to say, the local town and county councils. There is a great abundance of these and is a great abundance of these and most are fairly readily distinguishable by the last two or three letters. For example, LC and M/C are the Leicester and Manchester Corporations; LCC the London County Council; CBC, the Cambridge Borough Council; CR/DC, the Chanctonbury Rural District Council, and H&W/UDC, the Havant and Waterloo Urban District Council. Thus, with a legible postmark to help, a reasonably prob-

council. Thus, with a legible post-mark to help, a reasonably prob-able identification can be made. Before passing on, it may be in-teresting to note that, while some cities formerly used Shields, such as Cambridge and Leicester, all appear to have turned over to let-ters alone now.

Nationalization of various indus-Nationalization of various industries has brought into being new committees and boards of governors and one finds these replacing previous privately owned companies. For instance, the hospitals and the gas industry have been grouped into regions and managed by committees, etc. The former are immediately recognized by the letters HMC contained in the type; they are normally prefixed by one they are normally prefixed by one or more letters or figures. Here again the postmark can be of great, assistance in identification, for instance, a perfin B/HMC and postmarked Bow would emanate from the Bow Group Hospital Management Committee.

With respect to the gas industry With respect to the gas industry, such regional boards as the North-western Gas Board (NW/GB) and the Southeastern Gas Board (SE/GB) have replaced concerns like: The Ipswich Gas Company (I/GAS/Co.), The City of Birmingham Gas Dept. (C.B./GAS), and the Liverpool Gas Company (L/GAS/Co.)

A really fascinating group of

A really fascinating group of G.B. perfins are those used by the railways, whose history can be followed in part by collecting the perfins. They were among the earliest of perfin users and whilst following the types down through the years one sees such compathe years, one sees such compa-nies as the Cork and Blackrock Passage Railway (CB/PR); the Cambrian Railways (CAM/RYS); Cambrian Railways (CAM/RYS); the London, Brighton and South Coast Railway (LB/SC); and the London, Tilbury and Southend Railway (LTSR) being absorbed into the bigger companies until in 1923 only the "Big Four" remained. These are The Great Western Railway (GWR,) The London and Northeastern Railway (LN/E), the Southern Railway (S/R) and the London, Midland and Scottish Railway (perfin unknown). known).

With the advent of nationalization, these companies were taken in in their turn and became Regions of the British Railways of which two of the Regions are known to use perfins: The Railway Executive Western Region (RE/WR), and the Railway Executive Northeastern Region (EN/R). The latter is believed to be a modification of the die previously used by the London and Northeastern Railway.

Many other companies have With the advent of nationaliza-

Many other companies have used perfins and probably numer-ous others remain to be discovered for, prior to 1923, over a hundred companies existed. However, space does not allow me to mention any more.

Although the use of trademarks and other forms of advertising are forbidden by the post office, some companies defeat the rule by the use of their nationally known name and a collection of "Full Names" use of their nationally known name and a collection of "Full Names" can prove most interesting. One finds such names as: WILLS (cigarettes); PEOPLF and GRAPHIC (newspapers); MYERS (rum), BASS (beer); DUNN (Tailors); and OYEZ (The Law Stationers Society); to mention but a few.

Other firms have used fancy de other firms have used fancy designs—these include crowns, crosses numbers and monograms, etc. For example, the letters SB over a crown were used by Stringer Brothers, Birmingham who manufactured bar iron of which the crowns was the accepted grade crown. was the accepted grade mark. Two other very interesting designs are those which were used by Clark and Co., Anchor Thread Works, Paisley (C anchor C) and The County Asylum, Portsmouth (Cross above a crescent enclosing

Many other themes such as Banks, Insurance and Shipping companies and single letters could be mentioned and enlarged upon, but I think the foregoing will suffice to show what a wealth of romance and interest there is to be found in the perfins of Great Britain.

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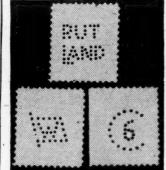
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cation of any punctured stamp the manufacturer maintains a record of each machine by serial number.



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Despite the fact that perforating

Despite the fact that perforating of postage stamps was not legal in the U.S. in 1908 there was a perforating machine marketed in this country in 1887. It was used almost exclusively for cancelling business forms, checks, and documents. Naturally the primary function of this device automatically became the means of perforating stamps some twenty-one years later.

This gadget was very closely related to the old type letter printing press. In principle the type rack, having a predetermined number of pins conforming to the selected design, became the male die while the print bed, having holes in equal design, became the female die.

Most machines employ ten individual dies and can perforate ten stamps at a stroke. Folding of the sheet permits forty to become processed at once; this is not recommended however when the design is rather complicated or the pins relatively close spaced. This could cause overloading of the machine and result in broken male pins. A direct result is missing holes in the design — and when several pins are missing, identification is oft times impossible.

As time passed more elaborate and expensive perforators were

As time passed more elaborate and expensive perforators were marketed; most being motor driven, could puncture twenty to forty stamps per stroke through three to five layers.

The development of the Sloper machines in Great Britain progressed as well — and under more stringent conditions. The dies prostringent conditions. The dies produced by them had to meet the specifications as set forth by the English authorities — namely that holes larger than specified in this country are permissable but they may not exceed the diameter of the holes separating the stamps. This resulted in very small holes being used for identification purposes which meant only tiny and unstable pins could be employed. Despite this you will find most British Perfins are found in good condition attesting to Sloper's and the machine operators carefulness. The number of perforated stamps found the world over is a l most beyond comprehension.



"STAMPS FROM THE TWA WORLD," is a dramatic display intended to focus attention both on the universal interest in the world's most popular avocation, and the Fifth International Philatelic Exhibition, which opened in the New York Coliseum on April 28. It occupies the entire window of Trans World Airlines' Radio City sales office, on 50th St. and Fifth Ave. The display represents another TWA recognition of the hobby of postage stamps.

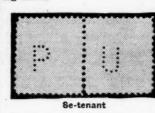
Governments, banks, colleges, and manufacturers furnish the bulk of collectable subjects. It is the Perfins from smaller business houses and individuals that are treasured by Perfinners since these are in the minority.

In conjunction with the scarcer items are those perforated by the larger organizations such as International Harvester, General Electric, New York Life Insurance, which maintain vast numbers of branch offices. Naturally each company chose to use their established identification for each of its branches and yet be able to identify at a glance at the perforations exactly where it was located.

This problem was surmounted by the die manufacturers with decision to employ the "extra perforation" system. This simply means that one or more extra holes are added in a specific position in the geometric relationship to the original marking. In conjunction with the scarcer

geometric relationship to the original marking.

As an example, General Electric has adopted a large "G" with a smaller enclosed "E" for its original design. To designate a specific branch office an additional hole is placed opposite the first punctured hole that forms the letter G. This continues around the letter and in combinations, until all branch offices have an identifying mark. ing mark.



The family tree of Perfins would not be complete were it not for one of its main limbs, the Schermacks. Here is a scarce but fascinating group of perforated stamps distinctly different from the others. Patterns were originated by the Schermack Co. (later the Mailometer Co.) and are classified as the Schermack type III coil stamps.

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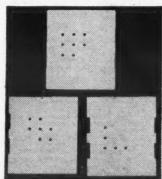
These Perfins were dispensed by a standard coil dispensing machine to which had been added a perforating attachment. Said attachment punctured the identifying pattern at the same time it cut the side slots into the imperforated coil stamps. coil stamps.

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The main pattern consists of nine holes; three horizontal rows of three holes each, forming a square 7 millimeters on any side. The elimination of one or more holes of the basic design offers numerous combination of possible identifications.

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In order to "read" this design correctly the stamp must be held face up and head up; there are never any inverts. diagonals, etc. since stamps could be fed into the machine in the face up position only. Schermack Perfins are numbered in the following manner as a simple means of classification—



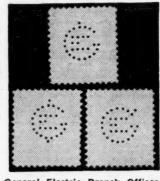
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Probably the most difficult specimens to locate are those which were punctured by the National Bank of the Republic of Chicago. Their machine was unique in that it perforated a different letter on each of the ten stamps in a sheet's horizontal row. Visualize a row of stamps reading NBRepublic. Now, to add to this oddity the letters NBR are twelve millimeters in height while the remaining are only 8½. The search is rewarding if you are able to locate a pair, not to mention those still joined in strips of three or four.

Several leaves which sprout from the se-tenant are represented by

Several leaves which sprout from the se-tenant are represented by the mirror image varieties. These too are joined pairs which are created mainly by haste on the part of the perferator operator. Folding a sheet of stamps before inserting in the machine will inevitably result in numerous pairs. If you suspect a pair of Perfins to be mirror images simply fold the two stamps at their unseparated perimeter and immediately you may determine whether or not the perforated designs are in perfect register. register.



General Electric Branch Offices. Note the different positions of the single hole at the top of the "G".

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Finally we find ourselves out on a limb which is quite siim and therefore very tricky. Carelessness, or overconfidence, on the look-alikes will cause a collector to fall down on his identifications; his collection will suffer. One or two millimeters difference in the dimensions of two similar types almost always indicates different users. These differences are in the height, or width, or both.

In the U.S. alone there are nearly 6000 different types of Perfin issues. It is understandable then, that where, for example, a duplication of letters is necessary some means must be had whereby the two users' initials or designs may be clearly identifiable.

Seriously though, the most reliable prop for this limb (yea, for any Perfin collection) is an accurate millimeter gauge and the Perfin catalog.

Well, there you have the fundamental background of Perfins. Interesting? You bet it is; and yet there is much more once you nurture your own tree. The remark was once made that Perfins were just stamps full of holes. How true it is!

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ed to be on the lookout, and since at time, chances are that a substantial number of sheets with the hypothetical watermark error would reach the market at the same time. Consequently, it would probably be within everyone's reach.

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ARGUMENT No. 4: If the watermark change were to be put into
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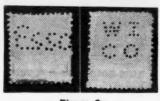
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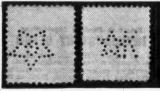
by go up anyway, as they are being replaced by new designs and/or colors. In summation, we feel that the Crown Agents should stick to their guns for the general good of our great hobby.

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Ceylon's 10c "Prime Minister" will be out of office by the time stamp, just released shows Sir you read this.

#### PERFINS FIT WELL (Continued from page 13)





Although Israel has already issued nearly 100 stamps in its eight years of existence, they are mostly so readily available that there is very little room for real collecting activity. No wonder therefore that some of the Judaic theme collectors have contacted me regarding specific perfins that they'd like to add to their collections. In this case, attention is concentrated especially on perfins with 5 and 6 point stars on them, the so-called star of David.

In the third list of this article, all presently known perfins with 5 and 6 point stars are given.

#### Table 3: Perfins With Stars

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The possibility of adding perfins to topical collections is not at all limited to the two above described examples. Far from it. Perfins from automobile manufacturers could be incorporated in a topical collection of cars on stamps.

A railroad thematic collection could be enlarged by adding the many, known railroad company perfins. A flower theme collection could add perfins from seed dealers, and a telephone and telegraph topical collection could take the particular perfins of those companies to broaden its interest.

Our great hobby.

Our article on Basutoland will be concluded in one of our very next columns as we seem to have just about run out of space for today. There is room for a few brief notes, however:

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All covers intended for cancellations should be in the hands of the appropriate postmasters not later than April 28.

# Jeffersonville, Ind.

The Masonic Temple, in Jef-fersonville, Ind. will be the site of the 1956 Kentuckiana Stamp Show sponsored by the Louis-ville, Ky. Stamp Society. May 18-19 are the days; the show will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. At least 110 frames will com-pete for the trophies. The bourse will be confined to six tables. A floor auction is scheduled for Friday night at 8:30 p.m. and some very attractive material is scheduled to be offered without reserve.

reserve.

The exhibition banquet is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Saturday night. There will be entertainment as well as a drawing for a number of door prizes.

Further information can be gotten from W. M. Able, general

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5YMBOLS USED: Sup.—Superb; VF—Very Fine; F—Fine; th—design touched; dc—design cut; nh—never hinged; Pl.—Plate; Bl—Block; Imperf—Imperforate; Impr.—Imprint; Perf—Perforate; Reinf.—Reinforced.

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	Wa.	22.00
#1	# (159) 6c Lincoln pl. pr. #18 hinged, dc at top, se at r, otherwise VF, catalogued as pr. without pl. #	00
	(267) 2c Washington 13 margin strips 3 impr. & pl.# G-F 10	35
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4	(298) 8c Pan American pl. bl 6 dc at top, perfs reinf 47	50
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6	(326) 5c La. Purchase pl. # pr. impr. F-VF as	-0
7	singles without pl.#	50
8	(346) 4c Imperf pl. bl 6 impr nh Sup 23.	50
9	(368) 2c Lincoln Imperf pl. # bl 6 impr one corner	60
10	(371) 2c Alaska Vukon Imperf pl. # bl 6 impr	00
11	(373) 2c Hudson Fulton Imperf pl. # bl 6 impr. /F 35.	00
12	(374) 1c Green pl. bl. 6 impr. & star F-VF nh	50
14	(376) 3c Deep Violet pl. bl 6 impr & star dc-F nh 7.	50
15	(377) 4c Brown pl. bl 6 impr & star F-VF 8.	00
16	(378) Sc Red Orange pl. bl 6 impr & star dc-VF	UU
	some perfs reinf 18	50
18	(380) &c Olive pl. bl 6 impr F-VF one stamp slightly thin. 55.	00
20	(383) 1c Green imperf pl bl 6 impr & star nh VF 4	50
21	(384) 2c Carmine imperf pl bl 6 impr & star nh Sup 22.	50
23	(405) 1c Green nl 51 6 "A" & impr vf except gum crease 2	00
24	(405) 1c Green pl bl 6 # only VF, except hinge thin 1	75
25	(405-b) 1c Green 2 booklet panes 6 with pl # dc-VF hinge	50
26 27	298	00
28	(406-a) Same as above except dt-F ph	50
29	(407) 7c Black pl. bl 6 F-VF nh 40.	00
30	(408) 1c Green imperf pl bl 6 impr & "A" VF 20.	00
32	(408) 1c Green imperf pl bl 6 2 copies super margins Sup. nh 3.	00
33	(409) 2c Carmine imperf pl bl 6 boardwalk margins Sup. nh 5.	50
35	(414) 8c Olive pi bi 6 impr. VF	00
36	(418) 15c Gray pl bl 6 impr & "A" VF nh 32.	50
37	(431) Sc Olive pl bl 6 impr & A F-VF nh	50
	catalogued as plain panes	90
39	(465) 4c Brown pl bl 6 F-VF nh	00
41	(481) 1c Green 2 pl bl 6 VF nh	70
42	(482) 2c Carmine imperf pl bl 6 # 7942 from 5c error 40.	00
	nh a beautiful block	
43	(483) 3c Violet imperf pl bi 6 VF nh 11.	10
44	(483-a) 3c Violet imperi Type II pl bl 6 VF	10
46	(498-e) 1c Green 6 booklet pane each with pl # dc-VF	
47	cat. as plain panes	10
48	(499) Same as above but 3 pl bl 6 F-VF nh	30
49	(499-d) 2c Deep Rose Type Ia pl bl 6 dt-VF 15.	00
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51	(499-h) 2c Rose pl bl 6 from 5c error sheet #7942 F-VF nh 4.	0
52 53	(501-a) 3c Violet Type II pl bl 8 F-VF ph	5
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57	(506) Another copy as a love but dc-F nh 2.	ő
58	(509) 9c Salmon Red pl bl 6 VF some perfs reinf 6.	0
59	(512) 12c Claret pl bl 6 F-VF	0
61	(513) 13c Green pl bl 6 just F-VF	0
63	(516) 30c Orange Red pl bl 6 F-VF ph	0
64	(518) \$1.00 Violet br. pl b. 6 A & impr F-VP	ő
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68	(526-c) 2c Carmine Type VI pl bl 6 dc-F	,
69 70	(526-d) 2c Carmine Type VII pl bl 6 dc-F	,
71	(529-a) 3c Violet Type IV 3 pl bl 6 F-VF nh 2.55	-
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92	(563) 11c Light Blue pl bl 6 VF nh 3.00	
93 94	(563-a) 11c Greenish Blue pl bl 6 F-VF nh	
95 96	(563-c) 11c Light Yellow Green pl bl 6 F-VF nh	
97	(564) 12c Brown Violet pl bl 6 with 5 pointed star dc-F	
98	(564) Same as above but dc-F nh	
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114	(611) 2c Harding Imperf pl bl 6 F-VF nh	
116	(615) 2c Walloon pl bl 6 VF Sup. NH 5.00	
117	(617) 1c Lexington pl bl 6 VF nh	
119 120	(617) Same as above VF but one perf reinf	
121	(618) Same as above but F-VF 5.00	
122	(618) Same as above 3 pl bl 6 1 with gum crease, 2 with perf reinf. F-VF	
123 124	Same as above 3 pl bl 61 with gum crease,   15.00	
125	(621) 5c Norse, pl bl 4 only F-VF nh cat as plain bl (Sc.) 16.00 +	
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130 131	(628) 5c Ericsson pl bl 6 VF	
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145 146	(638) 6c Garfield 3 diff, pl bl 4 mostly F-VF nh	ı
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149	(641) 9c Jefferson rare Salmon Rose pl bl 4 F-VF nh 2.00+	ı
150 151	(642) 10c Monroe 2 diff. pl bl 4 F-VF nh	1
152 153	(644) 2c Burgoyne pi bl 6 VF nh	1
154	(646) 2c Molly Pitcher pl bl 4, VF nh	1
155 156	(646) Another copy as above but dt-F nh	1
157 158	(650) 5c Aero Cf. pl bl 6 F-VF nh	1
159	(654) 2c Edison Flat pl bl 6 VF nh	1
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